

One of the revelations in the latest report on the Central Intelligence Agency settles an old dispute. The CIA did, indeed, fabricate the "Penkovsky Papers". These were the alleged memoirs of Oleg Penkovsky, a senior Russian official who spied for the West, was caught and shot.

The report says: Another CIA book, *The Penkovsky Papers*, was published in the United States in 1965 "for operational reasons", but actually became commercially viable. The book was prepared and written by witting (sic) agency assets (sic) who drew on actual case materials.

"Publication rights were sold to a publisher through a trust fund which was established for that purpose. The publisher was unaware of any US Government interest."

The Penkovsky Papers were serialized by *The Observer* when the book came out and many reviewers had doubts about their authenticity. Not so Robert Conquest, who devoted an article last August, in his news-sheet *Soviet Analyst*, to a defence of the authenticity of the papers and an attack on our Washington correspondent, Patrick Brogan, who had mentioned them in an article as a palpable fake.

The Times Diary

CIA settle a heated argument

Spy activities 'undermined constitutional rights'

From Our Own Correspondent
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The second volume of the Senate intelligence committees report, issued today, says that "intelligence activities have undermined the constitutional rights of citizens".

It adds that this is because "checks and balances designed by the framers of the constitution to assure accountability have not been applied".

The report contains very little that is new. Earlier reports, notably that prepared by the Rockefeller commission last year, gave most of the details of the use by various govern-

ments of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other instruments of government, to spy on Americans.

Like the first volume, published on Monday, which dealt with foreign intelligence, it gives a detailed account of the workings of the most secret branches of the American Government. We now know far more about the CIA and the FBI and about how decisions in intelligence matters are made in Washington than we do about any other secret service in the world.